

Connecticut, Jim developed a deep passion for issues affecting the environment, consumer protection, and education, serving as Chairman of the statewide Connecticut Public Interest Research Group and later as Chairman of the Connecticut Environmental Caucus.

For the past 11 years, as a member of the Connecticut State House of Representatives, Representative O'Rourke has been a champion of initiatives aimed at providing cleaner air and water for the people of Cromwell, Portland, and Middletown. Last month, he hosted the Connecticut Coalition for Clean Air, CCCA, a partnership of private, State, and local government officials committed to educating the public while providing solutions to pollution concerns throughout the State. Jim believes that pollution of our air and waterways is more than just an environmental problem, it is a public health concern. Representative O'Rourke's leadership on these vital issues has earned him wide respect among his colleagues. In fact, one indication of the high regard Jim's colleagues have for him is that he was chosen to serve as Assistant Majority Leader of the Connecticut House of Representatives earlier this year.

Jim O'Rourke has made numerous contributions to his community. His tireless work on behalf of children and families there and throughout Connecticut is never-ending. He works as Assistant Development Director of The Connection, a non-profit service and community development organization which provides counsel to low and moderate-income families seeking to purchase their first home. It also provides important treatment services for underprivileged families and persons in need of counseling.

Mr. O'Rourke is an active member of the Portland-Middletown division of the Connecticut Ancient Order of Hibernians, having been granted the third degree prior to his latest achievement. The Order has been an integral part of Irish-American life since its North American branch was founded in 1836 in New York City, it is now the largest of all Irish Social Societies in the United States. Jim O'Rourke is also a member of the Cromwell Kiwanis Club and the DeSoto Council Cromwell Knights of Columbus. He serves as president of the statewide People's Action for Clean Energy, an organization committed to energy conservation and a clean and healthy environment.

As a result of his endeavors, Jim has been the recipient of numerous awards, including being recently named the Legislator of the Year by the Connecticut Council of Small Towns and Champion of Youth by the Connecticut Coalition of Youth Advocates.

As you are aware, this week is a special one for all Irish-Americans, for Saturday we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. Let us take this opportunity not only to recognize the rich legacy of the Irish in America, but also to honor a

man who has worked so hard within his community to preserve this heritage, and to promote the well being of all citizens, as well. I can think of no finer illustration of the contributions that Americans of Irish descent continue to make to our Nation than the good deeds that Jim O'Rourke performs each and every day as an outstanding public servant.●

TRIBUTE TO BLACK MOUNTAIN SKI AREA

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Black Mountain Ski Area in Jackson, NH, upon the celebration of their 65th year of business.

A pioneer in the ski industry, Black Mountain Ski Area installed the first overhead cable lift in the United States in 1935. Designed and installed by Bartlett, NH, inventor George Morton, the lift consisted of an overhead cable with strands of rope hanging down for skiers to hold onto as they ventured up the mountain.

In 1936, Bill and Betty Whitney purchased the Moody Farm and Ski Area at Black Mountain from Ed and Ada Moody, renaming the business as Whitney's. The Whitney family retrofitted the overhead cable lift in 1937, replacing the strands of rope that hung from the cable with seventy-two shovel handles purchased from Sears Roebuck and Company.

Black Mountain utilized the first snow making system in New Hampshire in December, 1957. A Skyworker Snowmaking System was installed by the William A. Walsh Company of Manchester, NH.

Black Mountain Ski Area has been in continuous operation as a ski facility since 1935, making it one of the oldest ski areas in New Hampshire. The Black Mountain Ski Area is a true friend to the people of New Hampshire and to the tourists who travel to our great state to utilize the facility. Their efforts to serve the needs of the ski industry in New Hampshire are truly commendable. It is an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

RETIREMENT OF THE HONORABLE BRETT DORIAN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Judge Brett Dorian as he retires after almost 12 years as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in Fresno, CA.

Brett Dorian's legal career reflects a long and honorable commitment to public service. His dedication spans more than three decades, beginning with his service in the United States Air Force. Upon graduation from Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley Mr. Dorian helped and assisted the underprivileged in Central California as a legal aid lawyer. He then went on to a distinguished career in private practice where he specialized in bankruptcy law

and served as a bankruptcy trustee for many years.

In 1988, Judge Dorian was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court in Fresno. He served as a Bankruptcy Judge for almost 12 years. Judge Dorian served an eight county area in Central California. Judge Dorian has long been known as a thorough, dedicated and compassionate judge. Throughout his judicial career, he was diligent in carefully balancing the law in his cases and protecting the rights of those who appear before him.

Judge Dorian has served the people of California as well as all Americans with great distinction. I am honored to pay tribute to him today and I encourage my fellow colleagues to join me in wishing Judge Brett Dorian continued happiness as he embarks on new endeavors.●

GEORGE W. MILLER'S FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to recognize a Pennsylvanian who has been a tremendous asset to our community. I was recently notified that Mr. George W. Miller of Mount Pleasant will be celebrating 50 years of active service in the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.

It is without question that this fine Pennsylvanian has gone above and beyond the call of duty to improve the safety of his community. Mr. Miller has displayed great courage over the years, as he has put himself in danger in order to protect the lives of his neighbors, friends, and community members. Our society will remain forever in debt to Mr. Miller and those like him who spend their own time in volunteer efforts.

The Volunteer Fire Department of Mount Pleasant, PA has been blessed to have had Mr. Miller as part of its team for the last fifty years. I enthusiastically congratulate him on reaching this tremendous milestone, and I am sure that I don't stand alone in hoping that he will be a part of the fire department for many years to come.●

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGIST: 50TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to pay tribute to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, ACOG, in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. I would also like to include the letter signed by several of my colleagues who have joined with me in offering congratulations to ACOG and to pay tribute to their efforts on behalf of women's health.

With a membership of over 41,000 physicians specializing in obstetric-gynecologic care, ACOG is the nation's leading group of professionals dedicated to improving women's health care. ACOG is a private, voluntary, nonprofit organization.

Throughout its history, the purpose of ACOG has been to maintain the best standards of health care for women. Today, about 95 percent of American obstetricians and gynecologists are affiliated with ACOG. Over 35 percent of ACOG Fellows are women, and over 63 percent of Junior Fellows are women. ACOG works in four primary areas:

Serving as a strong advocate for quality health care for women.

Increasing awareness among its members and the public of the changing issues facing women's health care.

Maintaining the highest standards of clinical practice and continuing education for its members.

Promoting patient education and stimulating patient understanding of, and involvement in, medical care.

ACOG's reliable and informative communication with us on Capitol Hill has been a valuable asset in guiding our policy debates. Congratulations to ACOG, and thank you for providing a welcome voice to Capitol Hill on women's health policy.

I ask that a letter dated February 21, 2001, be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, February 21, 2001.

Hon. TRENT LOTT,
Senate Majority Leader, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR LOTT/MR. SPEAKER: We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the work of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). We would also like to congratulate ACOG on their 50th Anniversary. With a membership of over 41,000 physicians specializing in obstetric-gynecologic care, ACOG is the nation's leading group of professionals dedicated to improving women's health care. ACOG is a private, voluntary, nonprofit organization.

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Sincerely,

Patty Murray, Tom Harkin, Mary L. Landrieu, Louise M. Slaughter, Jim Jeffords, Jan Schakowsky, Arlen Specter, Jeff Bingaman, Kay Granger, Nita Lowey, Nancy L. Johnson, Sherrod Brown, Pete Stark, Patrick J. Kennedy, Ron Wyden, Barbara A. Mikulski, Henry A. Waxman, and James Greenwood.●

TRIBUTE TO JAYNE MARCUCCI

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Jayne Marcucci of Hooksett, NH, for being honored the state's first Ronald Reagan "Gipper" Award recipient and Young Republican of the Year 2001. Jayne was awarded the Ronald Reagan award on the former President's birthday.

Jayne has served the citizens of New Hampshire selflessly with enthusiasm and loyalty as the former Executive Director of the New Hampshire State Republican Party. A grassroots builder, Jayne has been successful in attracting many young people to become involved in politics.

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Jayne received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and later earned a Master of Business Administration degree, also from the University of New Hampshire.

Jayne served the State of New Hampshire as Deputy Press Secretary for my Senate office in Manchester. She is the President of Marcucci Consulting providing political consulting and public relations services to clients in New Hampshire.

A conscientious and dedicated volunteer, Jayne donates hours of her time to a therapeutic riding program. T.H.E. Farm, located in Tewksbury, MA, provides services to persons with disabilities. Jayne contributes to T.H.E. Farm by promoting the valuable program with communications and public relations assistance.

Jayne has served the citizens of New Hampshire with selfless dedication and hard work. It is an honor to represent her in the United States Senate.●

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I stand before you today to recognize the contributions made by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. On March 22, 2001 they will celebrate their 100 year anniversary, and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the leadership and guidance they continue to provide to the Philadelphia community.

The mission of the Jewish Federation is to assure that the basic human needs of Jewish populations at risk are met, to maximize Jewish identification and participation in Jewish life. In addition, the hard work of the federation provides leadership and effective outreach efforts to those in the Jewish community.

When the federation celebrates their 100th anniversary, they will sign the Centennial Celebration Charter, just as their ancestors did in 1901, which will reaffirm their commitment to the Jewish community. The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia remains committed to the five counties in South-eastern Pennsylvania, by creating a

caring, compassionate, involved Jewish community that encourages members to take an active role in their culture and religion.

I commend the members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia as they reach this milestone anniversary. The people of Philadelphia are blessed to have such a caring and involved organization in their community.●

TRIBUTE TO BERNIE STREETER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Bernie Streeter of Nashua, NH, for his thirty years of distinguished service on the New Hampshire Executive Council.

As executive councilor for District 5, Bernie provided exemplary service to over 225,000 residents in an area which covers the southwestern part of New Hampshire from the Connecticut River Valley to Nashua. Over the years he has worked effectively with seven governors and twenty executive councilors.

As an executive councilor, Bernie worked selflessly on state transportation issues. He chaired the Governor's Commission on Highways and was one of the principal architects of the state's ten year highway plan. He also chaired the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality and Transportation Enhancement Committee and presided over all executive council public hearings on judicial nominations.

Bernie, who serves as the 54th Mayor of Nashua, has worked tirelessly in his local community. He serves on the board of directors of the Greater Nashua United Way, the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce, The PLUS Company and Marguerite's Place.

On the national level, Bernie was appointed to serve a term on the National Health Planning Council by President Ford. He later was appointed by President Reagan to serve on the National Advisory Council of United States Public Health Service.

Bernie received the 1999 "President's Service Award" from New Hampshire Community Technical College in Nashua, NH, in recognition of his public service and support of post-secondary vocational and technical education.

A graduate of Keene High School and Boston University, Bernie served his country in the United States Army and United States Air Force Reserve. He and his wife, Jan, have lived in Nashua for over thirty-five years and have three children: Shannon Streeter O'Neil, Christopher B. Streeter and Stephanie Streeter McKenna. They have two grandsons, Spencer J. O'Neil and Cameron W. Streeter and a granddaughter, Abigail Streeter.

Throughout his career Bernie has enthusiastically provided dedicated service to his community. He is a role model for us all and it is truly an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.●